

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of	)	<b>MAIL STOP AMENDMENT</b>
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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY**

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Sir:

In complete response to the Office Action dated April 29, 2009, Applicants submit herewith the following Amendment and Reply. Also submitted herewith is a One-Month Petition for Extension of Time, extending the period for response from July 29, 2009 to August 29, 2009.